Trump Displaces Obama as Most Admired Man in 2020, But Not Because He’s Admired

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Gallup has released annually since 1948 a poll without prompt, asking who people admired the most, living man and woman. The results have usually been incumbent presidents or First ladies. However, Trump has not been at the top in recent years and Obama has been most admired for twelve years. All that has changed.

> Americans are most likely to name President Donald Trump and Michelle Obama as most admired man and woman in 2020. Trump tied former President Barack Obama for the honor last year but edged out his predecessor this year. Trump’s first-place finish ends a 12-year run as most admired man for Obama, tied with Dwight Eisenhower for the most ever. Meanwhile, Michelle Obama ranks as most admired woman for the third year in a row. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is second.

The splits were very close indeed.

> Overall, 18% of Americans name Trump, 15% name Obama, 6% Biden and 3% Fauci. The remaining top 10 men include Pope Francis, businessman Elon Musk, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates, basketball player LeBron James, and the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists.

Even though Donald Trump has been for the duration of his presidency unpopular, there is a reason why he won which is compatible with his unpopularity.

> Even though Trump is similarly unpopular now — 39% approve of his performance — his dominant performance among Republicans, contrasted with Democrats splitting their choices among multiple public figures, pushes him to the top of the 2020 most admired man list.

In other words, Trump won the most admired spot because Democrats were not united in picking Obama, not because lots of non-Republicans like Trump. Regardless, this is quite the achievement. I did not vote in the poll, and if I did would not pick Trump or Obama. It is remarkable that despite the hatred for Trump, he was able to not unite parties, but split the left. Quite the accomplishment, for what it's worth.

Links

Twelve years: https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/531906-trump-ends-obamas-12-year-run-as-most-admired-man-gallup
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